

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. BARBARA WARREN'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE LGBT CENTER

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Barbara Warren who is celebrating 20 years of service, dedication and hard work at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Center in New York City.

Dr. Warren joined the staff of the center in 1988 as a psychologist and only healthcare professional within the staff of six. Today, the Center has a staff of nearly 80 with a third of those in service to health programs created under her leadership. Dr. Warren is one of the greatest resources to be found at the Center, a font of information and a tireless worker for the LGBT Community and all New Yorkers.

Dr. Warren has created numerous health programs, many the first of their kind, which now serve as examples both nationally and internationally. This array of programs include programs concerning HIV/AIDS, Crystal Meth, Bereavement, Alcohol, Substance and Tobacco Abuse, the Lesbian Cancer Initiative, the Gender Identity Project and the new Center CARE Recovery. Center CARE Recovery is the first licensed, outpatient LGBT-specific alcohol and substance abuse recovery program in New York State. Additionally, Dr. Warren created the Center Youth Program, Youth Enrichment Services (YES), 18 years ago, the first LGBT Youth program in the country, which has grown today to serve countless youth from all over the New York Metro area.

Barbara has been active for many years in helping to secure critically important funding for LGBT social service programs through the New York State Network of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health and Human Services Providers, the National Association of LGBT Community Centers and the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, and is also a Faculty Member at the New York State Academy of Addiction Studies and at the graduate programs of Fordham University, Hunter College, Columbia University and Yeshiva University.

Dr. Warren was the principal writer of the official state-sponsored (NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Service's Training for Counselors) training curriculum, which addresses sensitivity to LGBT-specific needs.

Today I rise to recognize and congratulate Dr. Barbara Warren for 20 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the people of New York and for her groundbreaking work in the field of LGBT Social Services which has set the standard for such programs both nationally and internationally.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, due to medical reasons I missed a series of procedural votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall numbers 192, 193, 194 and 195.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST FLORIDA WAVES UNIT 52

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to honor the Northwest Florida Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Services, WAVES, Unit 52 and recognize its members' past, present, and future service to our country.

Women had been serving the war effort for years before they became an official addition to the United States Navy in 1956. Tens of thousands of officers and enlisted women contributed significantly to the Allied success of WWII. After their role in the Navy was legitimized, WAVES National was formed to connect former servicewomen and enable them to share their stories and experiences.

It is with grateful appreciation that I address this organization of valiant women whose participation in the military has evolved from the unprecedented to the exemplary. At a time when the role of women in the war effort was limited, members of WAVES transgressed societal norms by dutifully and commendably serving in the Navy and uniting against the Axis Power. Now, over sixty years later, women serve in every branch of our armed forces. Heroic accounts detailing the patriotism of women both on the battlefield and behind the line have altered the perception of women's role in the military and redefined the archetypal soldier.

The Northwest Florida WAVES Unit 52 consists of 43 members, half of whom served in WWII. Their mission is to encourage "patriotism, loyalty, and devotion to God, country and family." Membership is limited to women and includes those who have served or are currently serving in the Navy, Naval Reserve or other military Sea Services. Additional service is allotted to the community as members engage in various activities that benefit the surrounding area.

The women of Waves Unit 52 have dedicated their lives to preserving the security of every American citizen. In conjunction with National Military Appreciation Month, we recognize the initial women of WAVES for employing a bold determination to serve in the

war effort and celebrate the outstanding service of all the women who decorate its membership. The women of WAVES have exuded exceptional patriotism and valor and the First District of Florida is honored to house this exemplary organization.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Northwest Florida WAVES Unit 52 for its honorable service and dedication.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2008

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2830) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes:

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 2830, "The Coast Guard Authorization Act" and would like to commend Chairman OBERSTAR and Ranking Member MICA for their work on the bill and their efforts in bringing it to the House floor today. The development of this bill has been a long process and a collaborative effort. We are pleased that it is before the House for passage. I would also like to commend Chairman THOMPSON, my colleagues on the Homeland Security Committee and staff for their work on the Port Security section of this legislation. I would like to thank Chairman CUMMINGS and Ranking Member LATOURETTE for theirs on Deepwater and their support of the Port Security provisions in H.R. 2830.

The United States Coast Guard has a broad and important role in homeland security, law enforcement, search and rescue, marine environmental pollution response, and the maintenance of river, Intracoastal and offshore aids to navigation. Yet it has been grossly underfunded and therefore understaffed and under-resourced. This bill provides much needed resources and capacity building to effectuate these changes without compromising security. In addition to increasing funding by \$8.4 billion and the bill provides a much needed increase from 1,500 coast guard personnel to 47,000.

There are many important provisions in the bill but I am particularly pleased with the provisions to improve Port Security, particularly for the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean. Section 419 of the bill authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to station additional Coast Guard assets in the U.S. Virgin Islands for port security and other purposes. Currently, the Virgin Islands are without a coast guard cutter and have to depend on Puerto Rico for use of their vessel. This provision is a step forward in establishing a permanent Coast Guard unit in the Virgin Islands.

Another very important issue to the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean is cruise security. It

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